

# City Administrator's News and Notes

April 2020

In this ever-evolving time, I cannot stress enough appreciation for City staff, citizens, and this community as a whole as we try to navigate uncharted waters. I have been producing memos to keep the community and staff up to date on the latest plans for the City as they relate to COVID-19. City Hall still remains limited in regard to in-person activities; however, the City is **open** and conducting business internally.

As a precautionary measure due to COVID-19, Municipal Court and Bayou Animal Services remain closed to the public. Animals that are in foster care will remain in foster care. Plans should be announced in the upcoming weeks for reopening those operations.

The Dickinson Municipal Court office is still conducting business via telephone, on-line, mail and drop box and encourages anyone who has an outstanding citation or payment agreement to contact the court so that we may discuss any options for keeping your case in good status.

You can reach the court staff at 281-337-6297 or 281-337-6266.

Beginning May 4th, 2020, the Dickinson Public Library started to provide curbside circulation for books and DVD's. Curbside service is available Monday-Friday from 10am to 5pm with final pickups being done by 5pm. Individuals who would like to utilize this service will need to have a valid Dickinson Public Library card and be in good standing with the Galveston County Library System. Patrons will need to reserve the books online in our online catalog or call the library and can get assistance over the phone. Additionally, the library is following American Library Association guidelines and quarantining the books for 72 hours before handling them and checking them back into the library collection.



## **Testing Site Locations**

Texas City: Monday-Friday (May 4-8)
Galveston County Health District,
9850 Emmett F. Lowry Expressway, Texas City
To make an appointment in Texas City, please call
409.978.4040 between 8 a.m.-1 p.m. MondayThursday.

Galveston: Monday (May 4) and Wednesday (May 6) Fire Station No. 5, 5728 Ball St., Galveston To make an appointment in Galveston, please call 409.978.4080 between 1:30-5 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday.

Crystal Beach: Friday (May 8)
Crystal Beach Volunteer Fire Department,
930 Noble Carl Drive, Crystal Beach
To make an appointment in Crystal Beach, please call
409.356.9950 between 1:30-5 p.m. on Wednesday and
Thursday.

Testing capacity and locations are subject to change week to week. The latest locations and hours are available at <a href="https://www.gchd.org/testing">www.gchd.org/testing</a>.

These newly opened services are subject to recommended minimum standard health protocols outlined by DSHS. These protocols will be available on the Open Texas webpage at https://gov.texas.gov/organization/opentexas.

## Bayou Animal Services Shelter Updates





Work continues at Bayou Animal Services' new shelter, with the addition of sod and new concrete.





Dog kennels, cat condos and amenities have been installed in the cat rooms of the new Animal Shelter. As animals are going through intake at the Animal Shelter, they will receive a professional style portrait.





## **Desilting Updates**





Desilting work is progressing along Sunset Drive and will continue on Timber.

## Updates on CDBG-DR, Pin Oak, Nicholstone Acquisition

#### PIN OAK DRAINAGE

All preliminary contract start-up documents are completed. Project design is at 30% and the environmental review is pending determination from the Texas Historical Commission. Current projects have the project completing design and bidding initiating in the Fall of 2020.

Contract Start Date: 11/30/2019 Contract End Date: 11/30/2021

Total Project Amount = \$1,257,150

- Construction = \$1,257,150
- Engineering= \$130,000
- Administration= \$150,000

### NICHOLSTONE DRAINAGE

All preliminary contract start-up documents are completed. The engineer is working through the initial design and has developed a project schedule which will release bids in the Fall of 2020. The environmental review has progressed through and clearance is anticipated by July/August of 2020.

Contract Start Date: 11/30/2019 Contract End Date: 11/30/2021

Total Project Amount = \$8,982,434

- Construction = \$4,259,000
- Engineering= \$662.000
- Administration= \$150,000

#### **GUM BAYOU TRIBUTARY**

All preliminary contract start-up documents are completed. The environmental process is waiting on the engineer to finish working through the hydraulics and design plans to determine the special studies need to be done as well as permits needing to be obtained.

Contract Start Date: 11/30/2019 Contract End Date: 11/30/2021

- Total Project Amount = \$3,466,284
- Grant = \$3,466,284 (construction)
  - o Engineering= \$340,000
  - o Administration= \$150,000

## NICHOLSTONE ACQUISITION

The City entered into a buyout program with the GLO to buyout and acquire residential dwellings identified as being affected by Hurricane Harvey. The development of the Housing Guidelines is currently underway.

Contract Start Date: 3/11/2020 Contract End Date: 5/31/2022 Total Project Amount = \$9,219,828